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TO : SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: GEORGE BUSH

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO RECEIVED ME AT 3 P.M. TODAY
(NOV. 1). I MADE THE ORAL PRESENTATION AS INSTRUCTED, LEAVING
HIM A COPY OF THE TEXT OF REFTEL'S PARAS 2-7. I MADE AN ORAL
PRESENTATION OF POINTS IN 2.2.2.

2. IN REGARD TO THE POINTS IN PARAS 2-6, CHIAO OFFERED THIS INITIAL RESPONSE, PROVISING A CONCILIATION

" YOUR SIDE HAS PROPOSED A DRAFT JOINT PRESS STATEMENT WHICH WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE, AND OUR SIDE HAS PUT FORWARD A DRAFT THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE NOT AGREED UPON. (AFTER I POINTED OUT THAT THE US SIDE HAD NOW PUT FORWARD NOT ONE BUT TWO DRAFTS, CHIAO CONTINUED), YOU HAVE PROPOSED TWO DRAFTS AND WE HAVE PROPOSED ONE. I AM SURE THAT USLQ CHIEF BUSH WOULD CERTAINLY BE AWARE THAT WE CANNOT AGREE TO THE REACTION OF YOUR SIDE TODAY TO OUR PREVIOUS MESSAGE.

MENTS BY US TO THE DRAFT JOINT PRESS STATEMENT THAT YOU
SUBMITTED LAST TIME BECAUSE, AS I SAID PREVIOUSLY, IT IS NOT
A PRESS STATEMENT OF A NORMAL NATURE.

PR233 COMMUNIQUE OF A NORMAL NATURE, YOU MENTIONED THAT YOUR
SIXE DID NOT FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES. THIS IS A NORMAL NATURE.

OUR SIDE MUST EVEN LESS FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES, BECAUSE WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO RESPECT FACTS, AND THAT IS HOW IT IS.
- THAT IS JUST AN INITIAL IMPRESSION. I WILL HAVE TO STUDY THE MATTER FURTHER.

3. REGARDING THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT

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AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE ADVANCE PARTY, CHIAO CHARACTERIZED THESE BOTH AS "JUST TECHNICAL MATTERS," AND SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE ADVANCE PARTY, THE CHINESE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH THE MANY DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED. HE SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE A REPLY TO ALL ASPECTS OF MY PRESENTATION (COMMUNIQUE, TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT AND ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE PARTY) AFTER FURTHER STUDY.

4. THAYER ACCOMPANIED ME. SAME CHINESE WERE WITH CHIANG AS BEFORE EXCEPT NANCY TANG INTERPRETED, IN ABSENCE OF MR8. SHIH, AND SUI CHU-MEI WAS ADDED AS A NOTETAKER.

5. COMMENTS: CHIAO SEEMED QUITE TIRED TODAY AND EVEN
SEEMED SLIGHTLY TESTY IN EXPLAINING TO NANCY TANG ON TWO
OCCASIONS WHAT HE WISHED TO HAVE INTERPRETED TO HER.

HARM REGARD
GEORGE BUSH
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